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SUBJ: KUWAIT REQUEST FOR US MILITARY ASSISTANCE

REFS: A. STATE 059830

B. KUWAIT 0943

C. KUWAIT 0980

D. STATE 028065 OF FEBRUARY 17, 1972

1. RE PARA 5 REFTEL (B): WE ARE FORWARDING BY SEPTELS REQUESTED ROSTER US TEAM AND UPDATED TERMS OF REFERENCE WHICH CONTAIN ONLY MINOR MODIFICATIONS OF REFTEL (D). GROUP WILL BE HEADED BY COLONEL THOMAS R. KELLY, USMC, WHO HEADED DOD SURVEY TEAM WHICH VISITED KUWAIT LAST YEAR.

2. OUR CURRENT THINKING-- AND WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR VIEWS ON THIS-- IS NOT RPT NOT TO INCLUDE STATE (NEA OR PM) REPRESENTATIVE ON TEAM WHICH WILL BE DIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE TO YOU AND WHOSE ACTIVITIES CAN BE MONITORED
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BY YOUR STAFF. WE SEE ITS TASK AS PURELY NON- POLITICAL ONE OF DEVELOPING APPROPRIATE TECHNIQUES OF EQUIPMENT SALES, SUPPLY, LOGISTICS, TIMING, AND AIR BASE PLANNING WITHIN FRAMEWORK OF BASIC POLICIES AND COMMITMENTS PREVIOUSLY DETERMINED IN CONNECTION WITH: (1) TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR STATE/ DEFENSE MILITARY SURVEY TEAM VISIT IN FEBRUARY 1972 (REFTEL (D); (2) PROCEDURES AND EQUIPMENT RECOMMENDED IN REPORT EMANATING FROM THIS VISIT (PLUS TANKS AND MOTOR VEHICLES); AND (3) SPECIFIC POLICY DECISIONS ON INTERCEPTOR AIRCRAFT REACHED SUBSEQUENTLY.

3. YOU WILL SOON RECEIVE DOD- CLEARED RESPONSE TO YOUR 0980. WE EXPECT IT WILL CONTAIN NO RPT NO CHANGE IN POLICY OF PROHIBITING SALES OF F-4 IN ANY CONFIGURATION TO KUWAIT. WE STILL BELIEVE F-5 E BEST AIRCRAFT FOR KUWAIT' S REQUIREMENTS. OTHER AIRCRAFT YOU MENTIONED ARE TOO FAR DOWN THE LINE TO BE DISCUSSED USEFULLY. ROGERS

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